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Crowd questions School Board on teacher morale

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A standing-room-only crowd filled the meeting room at the administration building Monday to ask pressing questions of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Parents in the audience wanted to say how sad they were that Kelly Villa resigned as principal of Savage Elementary School after 19 years with the district, when she loved the school and the children, and they loved her back.

Some pressed for exit interviews to find out why Villa left and why eight first- and second-year teachers recently resigned.

Richard Rytman offered to personally pay for a survey of teachers, done anonymously, by a professional survey firm to gauge the morale of the teachers. This firm recently conducted a survey at the company where he works and they are very good, Rytman

said.

Then, he said, based on the results he could sit down with School Supt. Michael Van Tassel and discuss what the firm recommends.

"It's not going to be good," Rytman predicted, "but I may be wrong."

Rytman said he had concerns on the course this district is heading and the discrepancy between what the board and Van Tassel are telling the people and what the numbers show.

He said Van Tassel got a high rating on his evaluation and if it would have been based just on the budget, he might agree.

But there is low morale from good teachers and principals which cause them to leave the district.

Rytman said when Board Secretary Kevin English put into writing the evaluation of Van Tassel he cited "above-average growth" and while there have been significant improvements, that isn't hard when the district is almost at the bottom.

He cited a 2014 Report Card that showed VBPS was in the bottom 27 percentile in the state. He ticked off the numerical ratings that showed in a ranking from 1 (the bottom) to 10 (the top), the district ranked 4, which was below average. BHS had a 5 ranking, which was average, and the highest school in the district was Savage Elementary at 7, whose principal just resigned.

"What does this do for my home value?" Rytman asked of the poor ratings.

He said there have been extraordinary efforts by parents to help the students, but the low morale of teachers is "destroying the joy of learning."

He said he doesn't believe the situation is caused intentionally by the superintendent, but an inordinate number of teachers are leaving. He said in the school district 20% of administration deals with numbers and



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Riding in the parade was the 2015 Strawberry Festival Queen Ryann Patton, center. At left is first runner-up Isabel LeAnne Stimach, and, at right, second runner-up Savannah Courter.



Photo by Bill Emerson

Strawberry Festival Parade Grand Marshals Rosemary and Jack Loria filled their convertible with grandchildren. In back are Anthony and Sophia Floro, in front with driver Tom Fielder is Vincent Floro, and in Rosemary's lap is Francesca Floro.

Belleville City Council hikes fixed water rate, reduces commodity rate

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Water rates are going up and down in the city of Belleville following action at the June 15 regular meeting of the city council.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall asked the council to buy an ad in the *Independent* to explain the rate changes to water users in the city. Rates change July 1.

She also wants the city to explain in the advertisement the new \$2.58 monthly assessment the council approved to levy on utility customers to pay for the sewer rehabilitation program loan.

Councilwoman Tindall said when she saw that the fixed water rate went up by

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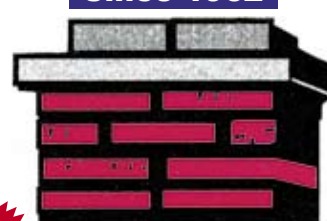
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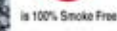


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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Coal tar-based driveway sealers: an avoidable hazard

By David J. Wilson, PhD
Van Buren Township

During the last few years much research has come out showing that coal tar-based driveway sealers are a significant threat to our health and the health of our children and that they cause substantial damage to fish and other aquatic life.

This research comes from the US Geological Survey Texas Water Science Center, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Baylor University, the University of New Hampshire, and Missouri State University.

It has been presented in highly regarded professional peer-reviewed journals such as *Environmental Science & Technology*, *Environmental Pollution*, *Chemosphere*, and *Science of the Total Environment*, and in reports published by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

This is not junk science.

I am not talking about a disastrous emergency; the gutters are not running red with blood, and there are no corpses lying in the streets. On the other hand, all indications are that we can reduce cancer risk a bit, particularly among children, and we can improve the quality of our streams substantially by switching from coal tar-based driveway sealers to other, readily available alternatives.

First a little background on driveway sealers in general. There are several types of these: Coal tar-based, Asphalt-based, Latex, and Others (acrylic, etc.) Of these, those based on coal tar and asphalt are the most widely used. Coal tar-based sealers contain coal tar, a product of the production of coke from coal for use in steel manufacture. Asphalt-based sealers contain asphalt, a product of oil refining operations. We are particularly concerned about the PAH (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon) contents of the various sealers, as a number of PAH compounds are carcinogenic, teratogenic (cause birth defects), mutagenic, and toxic.

"Latex and Others" sealers contain no PAHs. Coal tar-based sealers contain roughly 5-10% PAHs. Asphalt-based sealers contain about 1/1,000 times the PAH content of coal tar-based sealers, 0.005-0.01%. Evidently the use of coal tar-based sealers has the potential to be a significant environmental problem.

The impacts of PAHs on aquatic life are as follows. Fish: fin erosion, liver abnormalities, cataracts, skin tumors, increased susceptibility to disease. Amphibians: stunted growth, delayed development, difficulty swimming, liver problems. Benthic macroinvertebrates: degradation of cell membranes, inhibited reproduction, delayed emergence, mortality. We need to keep these PAHs out

of our storm drains and streams.

For humans, these compounds are powerful mutagens, carcinogens, and teratogens. They are correlated with lower IQ, childhood asthma, low birth weight, premature delivery, heart malformations, and developmental delays. Coal tar is a powerful mutagen.

A major driveway sealer PAH exposure pathway for humans is as follows. Weathering and tire abrasion convert coal tar-based sealer to a PAH-rich dust. This washes down storm drains, is blown onto nearby pavement and soil, and gets tracked into homes, becoming house dust. Incidental ingestion of soil and dust, especially by children, is a major route of human exposure. You get about 38 times more PAH if you live next to coal tar-sealed pavement than if you don't, and your lifetime cancer risk from PAHs is 38 times as great. The estimated excess cancer risk is greater than 1 in 10,000.

Atmospheric emission of PAHs from treated pavement is about twice that from vehicle emissions, the second largest source of atmospheric PAHs.

PAHs from driveway sealer can be a costly problem in disposing of sediments accumulating in storm water management basins. In a suburb of St. Paul, MN, the sediments of three out of 12 such basins were found to contain high enough concentrations of PAHs to make these sediments hazardous wastes, requiring that they be disposed of in a hazardous waste landfill, which greatly increases the cost of basin maintenance. Austin, TX, found PAH concentrations in sediments greater than 1500 mg/kg in some small drainage areas in residential areas. For comparison, the PEC (probable effect concentration) of PAHs is 23 mg/kg.

A number of government bodies have already banned the use of coal tar-based driveway sealers. These include Washington State; Minnesota; Washington, D.C.; Greenville, SC; Austin, TX; Montgomery Co., MD; Suffolk Co., NY; Dane Co, WI; and the Edwards Aquifer, TX. The University of Michigan has also banned their use.

Non-coal tar alternatives are readily available. A check on the internet indicated that Lowes, Sears, and Home Depot all carry alternative sealers. A list from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency adds Ace Hardware, Do It Best, and True Value Hardware to the list.

What we can do

What can we as citizens do about this hazard to our health and that of our children?

First, if you use driveway sealer, make sure that the bucket label clearly indicates that the sealer is NOT coal tar-based. If you



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Dr. David Wilson, center, gave another presentation on the dangers of coal tar driveway sealer, to the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission at its June 17 meeting. Present in support of Dr. Wilson's goal to alert citizens of the dangers of coal tar were, at left, Nate Antieau, a storm water consultant from Arch Environmental Group, and Ric Lawson of the Huron River Watershed Council. The meeting, with Dr. Wilson's presentation as the only item on the agenda, was recorded for showing on VBT cable television. This is the first time the Environmental Commission has allowed taping of its meeting. Dr. Wilson apologized for not being his "usual scintillating self" since he had just spent 10 hours at the University of Michigan Hospital getting a new treatment for his lung cancer. "I'm pretty much burnt out," he said.

have your driveway sealed commercially, get assurance from the company that it is not using coal tar-based sealer. Urge your neighbors to do likewise.

Second, seek resolutions from the Van Buren Township trustees and from the City of Belleville urging against the use of coal tar-based driveway sealers.

Third, seek placement of a brochure on the hazards of coal tar-based driveway sealer in the township and city offices for

public distribution.

Fourth, urge the township, the school district, and the city to ban the use of coal tar-based sealers on their property and/or by their employees.

Fifth, seek ordinances banning the use of this material in Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville.

Please join me in attempting to eliminate this hazard to our environment, ourselves, and our children.

What is coal tar?

"In the making of iron and steel you need coke ... They convert coal into coke... Put coal into an airtight oven, heat it up, and organic compounds (many carcinogenic) are a product of the distillation of the coal. Basically, you put coal in an oven, roast the daylights out of it and that leaves coke and a black goop, which is coal tar..."

Dr. David Wilson
Van Buren Township

OPINIONS

Editorial

Happy crowds, unhappy crowd

Last Thursday, there was a roomful of people at the library who had gathered to hear Mary Sherwood tell some of the history of Sumpter Township. It was really a museum event, but they have too many exhibits so their meeting room is full. The library was fine.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Mary explained she did the presentation to encourage people to feel proud that they lived in Sumpter -- and she did. Supervisor John Morgan said she made them feel proud and he, too, believes, "There's no place in the world like Sumpter Township." Happy crowd.

Over the weekend there were crowds in Belleville as the annual Strawberry Festival brought all kinds of fun and attracted people from all over. There was one narcotics violation and, I'm told, the culprits were carnival workers. No other problems. Friendly crowd.

There was another crowd at a meeting Monday night that usually brings a handful of people. This was a crowd that was intent on a serious crowd because members were working to improve the education of their children, who have one chance at education at a young age.

This was the June school board meeting at Van Buren Public Schools. One parent gave his assessment of the problems with teacher morale and offered to reach into his own pocket to pay for an anonymous teacher survey to find out the problem.

There are all kinds of crowds around here and this was a really tough crowd.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I really didn't want to be in the parade last Saturday, but I was there on a pretty little float prepared by Kay Atkins and friends and I had a wonderful time. I appreciate all the kind comments on me and the paper called out along the route. Although there are those that don't like me and don't like the paper, they kept their comments to themselves and didn't yell them out at me. Thank you.

Bud and Peggy Morgan watched over me, pulled the float with their truck along the parade route, and made sure I was safe. They pretty much un-decorated the float afterwards and pulled the trailer back to Bill Hamm in Sumpter, who loaned it for this use. Thank you.

What I enjoyed most was being able to talk to the people along the route, since the parade slowed down a lot. Fun.

An alert to parents at Savage Elementary School was sent out by email last week concerning the resignation of the school's beloved principal Kelly Villa:

"Ms. Villa is leaving the District and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

"The position has been posted and we are in the process of getting together a committee which will include parents, teachers and administrators to help select the new principal.

"It is our commitment to you that we will have someone in place well before the start of the school year. As always thank you for your continued support!"

Although results of the telephone survey to find out why voters rejected the sinking fund millage in the May election were projected to be discussed at the June 15



or the June 22 school board meetings, the results weren't ready. We've been advised the survey summary will be ready for the July 13 board meeting.

School Supt. Van Tassel had expected the discussion on the telephone poll to be in June and the resolution passed and sent to the county at the end of July. He said this would give the board a month to think about it and discuss what they want to do until the August deadline for the November election.

The budget for the 2015-16 school year, passed on Monday, assumes passage of the sinking fund.

Sgt. Louis Keele called to alert us that the VBT Honor Guard wasn't going to be in the Strawberry Fest parade because of manpower problems. It is a small group and some members were unable to be there.

Sgt. Keele is now the Administrative Supports Sergeant. Also, Lt. Charles Bazzy took over as head of the Detective Bureau on June 18. (Lt. Ken Floro used to be in charge of detectives.)

There were many interesting bits of information given by Mary Sherwood during her presentation on Sumpter Township History last Thursday at the library. Mary has lived in Sumpter for 65 years. She said her husband's uncle, John Sherwood, was township supervisor and people went to his home to conduct business since there was

no township hall. Later her husband ran for township supervisor several times on the Republican ticket, but was unsuccessful.

Mary said the Republican Party dominated the township until the 1950s, when the Democrats took over and are still in control. I told Mary I found it very interesting that she could have been Sumpter's First Lady if her husband had won election.

Over the week end, I saw Frenchtown Township Fire Chief Mark Nicholai quoted on the drowning death of a child in Lake Erie. Was that OUR Mark? Yes. He was fire chief in VBT and then pushed out of the position by Public Safety Director Champagne in April 2008 when Mark disagreed with the blended rate that was being put into place that paid police/fire fighters twice as much as fire fighters for the same work.

Last August voters passed 2 mills for his fire department that is expected to bring \$2.2 million the first year for administration and operations. That is added to the 1 mill they already had for personnel needs and capital improvement.

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Letters

Sumpter history session was supposed to be in '14

To the Editor:

I just wanted to respond to this week's "Opinions" section in the *Belleville-Area Independent*, with regard to your mention of the museum and the coincidence we had in scheduling a Sumpter Township History presentation just after they had donated \$10,000.

It does sound like a good story, however, it is simply not true. The Sumpter presentation was slated for the 2014 Third Thursday Lecture Series and had to be postponed. This year's presentation was, therefore, a rescheduling.

In truth, it was up in the air this year, too, until Karen Woodington of the Sumpter Supervisor's office and Karen Armatis, Deputy Treasurer of Sumpter Township, found the appropriate speaker in Mary Sherwood, to conduct this discussion.

The BAM: Belleville Area Museum strives to represent all three communities equally and with respect. We would appreciate a correction in next week's paper.

I am posting an events flier from last year showing the Sumpter Presentation as scheduled for April 2014.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Katie Dallos, director,
Belleville Area Museum

Editor's Note: I was in the audience of the Sumpter meeting when it was explained the museum had scheduled a Sumpter history date, but had no one to do the presentation. Sumpter officials encouraged Mary Sherwood to do it and she agreed. Who was going to do the presentation last year (when there was no donation) before it was postponed? I still think finally making the presentation a reality after the donation was really a coincidence. That's my opinion.

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New afternoon custodial supervisor - no experience

To the Editor:

Re: Rebuttal on School Board Information

This is in reference to hiring the afternoon custodial supervisor.

It was stated that they have not had an afternoon supervisor in years. In fact, it has been 2 ½ years. The district had a very good afternoon supervisor, when they eliminated the position and laid this person off. This person had over 20 years custodial experience. Another example of not caring about good people. By the way, one of the requirements for this position is you must have five years custodial experience. The new hire has none.

Also, I have said before that there is only one afternoon custodian that cleans each elementary school. They could have hired a couple more custodians with what they will be paying this person. Also, I can think of eight personnel (custodial and maintenance) who have retired and not been replaced. This is in the last year.

In closing, I want to add if employees are caught with an *Independent*, they will get written up.

Dolores Nedeau
Sumpter Township

Lonnie's second opinion saved us \$570 in repairs

To the Editor:

I was delighted to read your article about the excellent service you received at Lonnie's. My husband and I are repeat customers because of the care, concern and service they have shown us.

Our first experience with Lonnie's came when we went there for a "second opinion" after Belle Tire had given us an estimate of \$600 for a repair. Lonnie's charged us \$30 for the exact same part. (I do have the documentation to back this up.) We have been back several times for service and repairs on our three vehicles. How lucky we are to have them right in our little downtown.

Within walking distance from Lonnie's is the new restaurant Maya's. The food was wonderful and the service was great. Right next door I visited Crafted, a very unique gift store. I saw so many things that I had not seen anywhere else and the ladies were so friendly. Luckily I discovered "Sugar Plum Candy Shop" for dessert. Had a great time chatting with the owner about his hopes for his new store in Belleville. What a wonderful way to spend the day, even if you don't have to get your car fixed!

Kelly Boelter
Sumpter Township

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Thanks for supporting Special Olympics

To the Editor:

The members of Wayne-Westland Special Olympics and Wayne-Westland Do Unto Others (DUO) would like to thank the St. Anthony Parish for their generosity in both booth space at the Belleville Strawberry Festival and donations toward helping our special needs community.

Thanks also to the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department for use of their dunk tank at the festival, which allowed the group to raise money to help fund future initiatives for our local Special Olympics teams.

We appreciate all of the community members who stopped by the booth to purchase a pair of funky socks or attempt to dunk our coaches and athletes in the tank!

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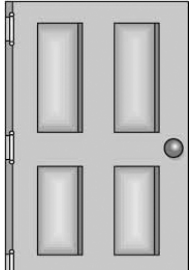
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Obituaries



Annette Baker Mach

ANNETTE BAKER MACH

(November 11, 1922 - June 18, 2015)
 Mrs. Annette Baker Mach, age 92, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2015 at her home. She was born November 11, 1922 in Belleville, MI, daughter of Earl Felt & Ruth Charles (Baker) Jacox.

Annette was a 1942 graduate of Belleville High School. She received her associates in bookkeeping. She worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant for a few years in the payroll department. She even received her Pilot's License. She was a very active member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Belleville. She was also a member of the Van Buren Senior Center and enjoyed doing crafts. She loved square dancing and having a meal with her "Lunch Bunch," a group of graduates from her class that met once a month, every month, to keep in touch with each other.

Mrs. Mach is survived by two daughters Karen L. Medley of Saline, MI and Gina (Ron) Held of Belleville; 3 grandchildren Aaron (Jennifer) MacLeod of Ypsilanti, MI, Brent (Erin) Held of Milan, MI and Lindsay (David) Ethridge of Dearborn Heights; four great-grandchildren Allyson, Alivia, Syndey and Sadie Jeanne; also many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Robert R. Mach on January 20, 2010, also a sister Jeanne Jacox.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, June 26, 2015 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 47445 W. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, with Rev. James Frey officiating. Memorial visiting hours have been arranged on Thursday from 2-8 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the church would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

DONNA MAE KNOP-BEARUP

(October 11, 1935 - June 2, 2015)

Age 79 of Linden, MI. BHS Class of 1953. Survivors: husband Larry Bearup; children Steven Knop, Kimberley Sanchez, and Kurt Knop; 4 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sister Pauline Ostrowski. Sharp Funeral Home.

More Letters

Petition for road work was falsely presented

To the Editor:

Re: Hearing to establish the assessment roll for the Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt Road Improvement

Concerns and opinion of Van Buren resident:

My name is Stella Cyphers and I currently reside at 45226 Jeanette in Belleville, MI. I am writing in regards to my attendance at the May 19, 2015 board meeting and disagreement of recent decisions that were made regarding the approval of Resolution 2015-19 - The Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt Road Improvement District - Special Assessment roll.

First of all, I do not feel there was adequate time given or allotted for these decisions that were both financially and inadequately proposed to residents. I was not provided ample time to voice my opinion due to the number of attendees and time allotted for public comments.

Secondly, the proposal was based on the assumption of a signed petition that I felt was falsely represented. At the time I signed the petition, I was under the impression that the petition signing was to seek further information, **not** for the approval of a proposal that had been initiated without an understanding of the potential impact to residents.

These concerns, as well as the assumption that residents are capable of paying an annual sum of \$550 per year for 5 years - perhaps \$250 per year for 10 years would have been more considerate for senior citizens living on a fixed income.

This entire process has made me question our country's democracy! Can we not have a simple yes or no by Certified letter voting that would allow individuals to make these decisions that impact our rights as a citizen of the United States?

Stella Cyphers
 Van Buren Township

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City Council

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three times, from \$4.50 a month to \$13.80, she was worried the residents wouldn't understand.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the \$13.80 is what the city is being charged by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and it's just passed along to the consumer.

Mayor Kerreen Conley recalled when the city had a 50% increase in water rates and that was a tough time. She said this 10.2% raise at one time would be easier.

The council also approved a decrease in the water commodity rate from \$.00721 to \$.00613 per gallon, also effective July 1.

DPW Director Keith Tackett said the drop in the commodity rate would be a big change for low water users and a "wash" for high water users.

But the whole rate picture is confusing, so Tindall asked the city to actually take out an ad in the newspaper and make it as detailed as possible "to educate our residents."

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long said it would take some time to get it put together.

In other business at the June 15 meeting, the council:

- Opened bids for the Joint and Crack Sealing program for city streets from Michigan Joint Sealing for \$61,098 and Scodeller Construction of Wixom for \$90,708. The bids were turned over to the administration and engineers for a recommendation;

- Opened the only bid for municipal accounting services from Plante Moran (the city's current consultant) for \$6,478, a 2.5% increase over what they are charging now. The bid was turned over to the administration for study and a recommendation;

- Approved the low \$423,043.75 bid of Liquiforce Services of Romulus for the sanitary sewer rehabilitation program under the 2015 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan, with start of construction in September. Hennessey Engineers construction inspection and administration fees totaled a sum not to exceed \$40,140;

- Approved budget amendments by Plante Moran for the fiscal year ending June 30. Tindall and Mayor Conley

criticized the timing of the amendments, saying amending should be done at least quarterly, and that the council likes to see line items and detailed information on the changes instead of just categories. Also, the council would like departments to stay within their line items when spending. Tindall was especially critical of Fire Chief Brian Loranger's purchase of embroidered \$53 polo shirts for nine fire fighters to wear when on duty at Strawberry Festival. (Embroidery bill was \$483.82.) Chief Loranger said he likes his people to look good and not like "Podunk USA." Tindall said he could have used the money to buy tires or other equipment the fire department needs. "I'm doing this job the best that I can," Loranger said, noting he really didn't want the job of chief, but said he would serve if he was needed. He said he has run a business in the city for 30 years. Later he said he would pay for the shirts himself if the city didn't want to pay for them;

- Approved raising the following fees: Building Department application fee from \$35 to \$50; stating the current Water Department permit fee total (tap plus benefit fee) of \$3,500; Police Department removal of fingerprinting-state item since it does not have the equipment to do this kind of fingerprinting; and Treasurer's Office to increase the returned check fee from \$30 to \$35;

- Approved holding the 20th-annual Belleville Bridgework at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 20, in conjunction with the Central Business Community's Taste of Belleville. World War II Veterans will be honored at this year's Bridgework;

- Approved accounts payable of \$109,304.81 and departmental purchases in excess of \$500, with Tindall voting no because of the \$483.82 embroidery bill

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from A Design Line for the fire department shirts that she unsuccessfully tried to remove from the accounts payable. The amounts approved over \$500 were: to J&T Towing, vehicle sales, \$2,100 from General Fund/Police; to Concentra, for physicals, \$3,360 from General Fund/Fire; to Emergency Report for report software, \$999, from General Fund/Fire; to Wise Technologies, for computer repairs, \$705.73, from General Fund; to BelleRoc Tire for rear tires-backhoe, \$1,090, from Major/Local Street Fund and Water Fund; to Hennessey Engineers, \$9,615 for inspection and engineering fees for the DTE project on the east end of the city; and to Cadillac Asphalt, for spring road repairs,

\$513.30, from Major/Local Street Funds;

- Removed from the agenda action on the Downriver Joint Management Committee and DUWA because documents have yet to arrive;

- Heard Mayor Conley report on last Friday's Council of Western Wayne meeting where a representative of Oakland County explained how they have texted 911 calls. She said texted 911 calls are expected in this area in about a year;

- Heard two residents of East Huron River Drive discuss their frustrations with the ditches dug during the county roadwork; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss pending union negotiations.

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Lighthouse Church buying Power Centre Church on Sumpter Rd.

The Belleville Lighthouse Church, which currently is located on Willis Road near Rawsonville in Sumpter Township, is purchasing the former Power Centre Church International on Sumpter Road in Van Buren Township.

The public is invited to a dedication and a benefit service at the Belleville Lighthouse Worship Center scheduled for Saturday, July 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the church, where there will be light refreshments and a tour of the facility.

Pastor Jim Lockard said the church had an athletic and awesome young man with cancer named Zac Lovelace who passed away. The benefit service is in Zac's memory with the gym being dedicated to his memory.

"There's a huge Belleville following of 4,000-plus Team Zac members who have helped support raising funds in his memory for other kids suffering from cancer," Pastor Lockard said.

He said the congregation contemplated building an addition onto its old church and even had construction drawings completed.

"However, when the church on Sumpter Road came on the market, we realized what a great opportunity it presented," Pastor Lockard said.

"Buying a much-larger existing church was a better choice than spending funds on expanding on our smaller facility. We ended up with almost twice the space with great amenities. The new building even has the



Pastor Jim Lockard

benefit of handicap access, bathrooms and an elevator," he said.

"The Belleville community has supported our church over the years," Pastor Lockard said. "We are stepping out on faith by taking on a building that is over three times the size of our current church. Yes, it is a big step, but based upon our past community support, we feel the extra programs we can offer the neighborhood will be well received."

The church provides school backpack and school supply giveaways for families in need. Some of the outreach for the campus will include senior gatherings, drug and rehab programs, crisis counseling, recreational programs, support groups, and special events for disabled.

The full-size basketball court with locker rooms was part of a 2006 expansion at the Power Centre, so Lighthouse is in discussions with a gym operator about bringing a basketball league to the neighborhood.

The church holds a Harvest Fest each October. The event was limited in the past, Pastor Lockard said, but now with the new facility and 206 parking spaces on more than 19 acres, the potential is only limited by the committee's imagination.

The committee is considering hayrides, dunk tanks, petting zoo, carnival games, a craft fair and food vendors.

Pastor Lockard said Lighthouse sees the new facility as a way to reach out to the community and share the benefits.

They are considering offering the gym for rental for all uses, including basketball, volleyball, banquets, wedding receptions, showers, and other church rentals. The property has an outdoor playground that would be perfect for a daycare operator,

Pastor Lockard said.

The Power Centre church with seating for 400 on 19.06 acres was listed for sale for \$1,675,000 after the church filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy on Feb. 20, 2013. A bank in Georgia lent the congregation \$6 million to build the complex.

Pastor Lockard said Lighthouse was able to buy The Power Centre for \$850,000 with \$650,000 at first and \$250,000 more once the former church on Willis is sold.

Lighthouse began in a storefront in 1965. By 1972, the congregation had grown significantly, so members completed necessary renovations and moved to 51185 Willis Road. When they outgrew that building in 1986, they added on a new sanctuary with classrooms and offices while the original sanctuary was converted into the current fellowship hall. As the years went by, they fully air-conditioned the building and added a shed in the parking lot for storage. It is now 9,400 square feet.

"We were blessed to have such a nice place to worship for all of these years," Pastor Lockard said. "With this wonderful opportunity to relocate, we can pass on our blessings to a new owner."

The church building on Willis is now available for another church to purchase or rent. Bill Skubik at Religious Real Estate said the building could be rezoned commercial and used for small office space, a hair salon, daycare, or medical space.

For more information on the new Lighthouse facility on Sumpter Road call Pastor Lockard at (734) 461-9800. For details on the Willis Road building, call Religious Real Estate at (734) 604-6222.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 597 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 14:
0036 – suspicious situation, Ecorse Rd.
0105 – operating while intoxicated, Michigan Ave. / Willow Run
0109 – operating while intoxicated, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0345 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0427 – shots fired, Sylvia Dr.
0620 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Camping World
1038 – E-911 hang up, Rawsonville/W. Huron River Dr.
1136 – lost property, Wayne County Fairgrounds
1149 – assault & battery, Meadows Ln.
1155 – property damage accident, Belleville
1213 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1241 – larceny from auto, Archwood
1441 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.
1852 – disorderly conduct, Sylvia Dr.
1859 – family trouble, Bemis Rd.
1910 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler
2023 – narcotics crime, S. Bellridge Dr.
2129 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2129 – personal injury accident, EB I-94/Belleville
2336 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, June 15:
0024 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0059 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0333 – suspicious situation, Ironwood Dr.
0523 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Harmony Ln.
0909 – agency assist, Holly Ln./Ponderosa Trl.
1106 – found property, Van Buren Park
1107 – found property, Van Buren Park Beach
1135 – larceny from auto, Westlake
1204 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
1311 – private property accident, Ironwood Dr.
1324 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1342 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1352 – prisoner transport, St. Joe’s
1411 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1457 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor
1827 – property damage accident, Robson / Belleville
2116 – suspicious situation, Ecorse/I-275
2220 – harassment call, Meadows Cir.

Tuesday, June 16:
0007 – agency assist, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0151 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ricardo Dr.
0554 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0605 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Oak Ln.
0748 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rose Blvd.
0906 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1121 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1431 – malicious destruction of property, Elwell
1508 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1607 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1615 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Oak Ln.
1704 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
2114 – larceny, Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, June 17:
0643 – mental, Hawthorne Ct.
0803 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
0948 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1127 – malicious destruction of property, Anna Dr.
1307 – trespassing, Van Born
1714 – fraud, Village Center Dr.
1734 – disturbance, Hoeft Rd.
1848 – larceny, Rogers Ave.
2109 – disturbance, Outer Dr.
2130 – shots fired, Denton Rd.
2300 – missing person, Harmony Ln.
2332 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, June 18:
0057 – larceny from auto, Capitol Dr.
0845 – malicious destruction of property, Martz
0948 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./ N. I-94 Service Dr.
1001 – fraud, Bog Rd.
1035 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
1059 – assault & battery, Belmont Dr.
1100 – trespassing, Lake Villa Dr.
1107 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1304 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1433 – trespassing, Van Born
1439 – private property accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1529 – animal bite, Parkside Dr.
1632 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1718 – malicious destruction of property, Sawgrass Ct.
1841 – malicious destruction of property, Andover Dr.
1948 – hospice, Venetian Ave.
2058 – noise complaint, Richard
2111 – suspicious person, Quirk Rd.
2114 – larceny from auto, Belleville
2130 – assault & battery, Martinsville Rd.
2231 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, June 19:
0241 – trespassing, Van Born
0436 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rayna Ct.
0711 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0731 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Marlowe Ave.
1220 – missing person, Chatsworth Dr.
1423 – juvenile complaint, Martinsville Rd./RR tracks
1424 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1614 – property damage accident, Belleville
1711 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1738 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1746 – malicious destruction of property, Ironwood Dr.
1753 – weapons violation, NB Rawsonville
2255 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.

Saturday, June 20:
0005 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.
0028 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville/WB I-94
0354 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0928 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
0936 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
1038 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1057 – weapons violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1139 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1321 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1426 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1452 – private property accident, Victoria St.
1505 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1611 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Alden Ave.

1638 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1706 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1707 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1708 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1952 – trespassing, Fret Rd.
2046 – noise complaint, Borgman Ave. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2108 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
2116 – assault & battery, North Shore Dr.
2120 – noise complaint, Greenwood Dr.
2134 – noise complaint, Savage Rd.
2136 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2151 – missing person, Quirk
2257 – noise complaint, Maurice Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 166 traffic stops with 46 of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 14:
0031 – noise complaint, Main St.
0038 – disturbance, Belle Villa Blvd. / Estrada
1308 – property damage accident, Grace Church
1759 – property damage accident, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2151 – intimidation threat, N. Liberty St.

2224 – intimidation threat, N. Liberty St.
Monday, June 15:
0023 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
0032 – intimidation threat, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0119 – information, Main St.
1145 – serve warrant, Santa Clara St.
1348 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.
1706 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
1735 – private property accident, Estrada Dr.
1957 – mental, Henry St.
2113 – intrusion alarm, E. Thornhill Ct.
2154 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2234 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
2256 – parking complaint, Carmell St.

Tuesday, June 16:
0039 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave. / South St.
0950 – fireworks, N. Liberty St.
1333 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1600 – suicide or attempt, Church St.
1714 – abandoned auto, Angola St.
2112 – all other traffic, Carmell St.
2137 – civil matter, Five Points
2152 – traffic complaint, Main St./Third St.
2230 – fight, Lunchbox

Wednesday, June 17:
0819 – parking complaint, Charles Ct.
1308 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1757 – suspicious person, Carmell / Belle Villa Blvd.
1914 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2006 – abandoned auto, Third St.

Thursday, June 18:
0048 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1112 – fraud, Main St.
1137 – traffic complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1443 – trespassing, Sumpter
1550 – animal complaint, Wabash Ave.
1742 – found property, Main St.
2043 – welfare check, Henry St.
2213 – lost property, Main St.

Friday, June 19:
0325 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0936 – property damage accident, Main St.
1202 – civil matter, N. Biggs St.
1323 – juvenile complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1718 – assist fire dept., High St.
1905 – malicious destruction of property, Thornhill
1920 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
2026 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
2145 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
2222 – follow up, Loza Ln.
2257 – assist fire dept., St. Anthony’s
2324 – narcotics crime, St. Anthony’s
2351 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St.

Saturday, June 20:
1041 – parking complaint, Edison Ave.
1055 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1124 – property damage accident, High/Church
1516 – private property accident, S. Industrial Park
1618 – miscellaneous complaint, Village Park
1905 – private property accident, Henry St.
2105 – fireworks, S. Edgemont Ave.
2215 – shots fired, Belle Villa
2322 – vehicle lockout, Main St./Third St.

Also on this week’s log are 67 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 14:
0235 – alarm, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1545 – 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1727 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1800 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2006 – civil dispute, Delaware
2121 – juvenile complaint, Third St.
2216 – threats complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Monday, June 15:
0136 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter
0606 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
0701 – larceny, 23000 bl. Carleton West
0953 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1227 – abandoned vehicle, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1303 – missing person report, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1548 – larceny, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1650 – identity theft, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1804 – assist other agency, out of township
1805 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Timberpark

Tuesday, June 16:
0159 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0535 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0607 – larceny, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0642 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0808 – disorderly person, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1000 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1115 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1131 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Judd
1217 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Judd
1237 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Timberpark
1301 – suspicious incident, Judd/Elwell
1434 – ordinance violation, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1521 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1626 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1701 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1830 – shots fired, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1900 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Oakville

Waltz/Sumpter
1925 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell/Wear
2004 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2219 – suspicious incident, Mulberry
2337 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Timberpark

Wednesday, June 17:
0014 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Timberpark
0354 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1115 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Judd
1251 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
1435 – property damage accident, 40000 bl. Harris
1531 – suspicious incident, Karr/Judd
1544 – civil dispute, E. Arizona
1928 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2301 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.

Thursday, June 18:
0901 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0942 – trespassing complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0956 – animal complaint, Wear/Elwell
1008 – abandoned vehicle, Reed/Fenster
1512 – warrant pickup, out of township
1617 – property damage accident, Harris/Savage
1651 – neighbor dispute, E. Arizona
1729 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/Wear
1850 – reckless driver complaint, 47000 bl. Judd
1917 – ciizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1934 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2013 – suspicious incident, Willow/Sumpter
2101 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
2226 – threats complaint, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
2308 – noise complaint, Judd/Sumpter
2339 – suspicious person, Bemis/Rawsonville

Friday, June 19:
0010 – disorderly person, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0902 – citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1045 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1110 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1338 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1535 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1802 – subpoena service, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1825 – animal complaint, Redwood

Saturday, June 20:
0052 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0236 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Martz
0524 – breaking & entering report, Creekside
0818 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
0944 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1118 – warrant pick up, out of township
1238 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1613 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1745 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2011 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2132 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Savage Rd.
2219 – warrant pick up, Walnut

Also on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 128 patrol checks, and 41 traffic stops.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 6 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 7 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. . Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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VBT Police take part in Operation Blue Light III effort to target crime

The Van Buren Township Police Department is participating in Operation Blue Light III from June 22 to July 4.

The Southeast Michigan regional law enforcement effort is designed to target crime.

VBT PD Deputy Director Jason Wright said several agencies throughout Wayne County are focusing on traffic safety concerns, crime patterns, and warrant arrests.

Deputy Director Wright said during the enforcement period, the operation's purpose is "to improve safety on our streets and roadways, disrupt the criminal process, and ensure a high quality of life for our residents through a combined regional response."

"We are committed to 'Response and Service,' and are always looking for ways to make our community as safe as possible."



Ana Victoria Campos graduated with a Juris Doctor from Wayne State University on May 18, where she served as president of the Law School Student Board of Governors. Ana graduated from the University of Michigan/Ann Arbor in 2012 with a bachelor of arts / political science and minors in History and Latino Studies. She is a 2008 graduate of Belleville High School. Ana is the daughter of proud parents Fernando Campos and Rena Xuereb of Belleville.

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As part of the Belleville Area Museum's Third Thursday presentation, on June 18 Mary Sherwood, center, gave a talk on Sumpter Township History before a packed meeting room at the Belleville Area District Library.

Mary Sherwood gives presentation on Sumpter History to packed crowd

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"I am so proud to say I live in Sumpter Township," said Mary Sherwood near the conclusion of her presentation on Sumpter history on June 18 before a packed meeting room at the Belleville Area District Library.

Sherwood's talk was part of the Belleville Area Museum's Third Thursday event, but since the museum's meeting room was full of exhibits and there was no room, the talk was held at the library.

Sherwood said Sumpter always had a diverse culture.

It all began with the Revolutionary War and those taking part unable to be paid, so the Bounty Lands Act offered pieces of land in the west in exchange for their service. It was a long dangerous trip over the mountains, across the state of Ohio and the Ohio River to a land that was non-productive because it was marshy and full

of virgin timber. In 1825, the Erie Canal opened and people could leave the East and take the canal to the Great Lakes and sail to Detroit.

By 1818 there were 11 families in what is now Sumpter Township, which was formed in 1840. At the last census there were 11,856 people in Sumpter.

In the late 19th century Europeans started migrating to Michigan and as late as 1950 a lot could not speak English.

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"I worked on elections in the 1950s and a lot couldn't read English or read or write. We had to have an interpreter and a Republican and a Democratic worker all in the voting booth with the voter to keep down voter fraud."

She said during World War II, Michigan was invaded from the South because people were seeking jobs at the bomber plant and in other firms working on the war effort.

She said her family lived in Ohio and they moved to Sumpter Township and, "I'm still here."

She said there is a large African American population in Sumpter, 12% by the last census.

"We are a melting pot of people. We don't have major problems in Sumpter Township.

We are friends. We respect each other."

That's why she's proud, she said.

And, in the 1970s, city water came to a few in Sumpter and later almost everyone had it.

"A few years ago, we got sewers. Just a few got it at first. And, some got natural gas.

"It's like living uptown. We have everything," Sherwood said with a smile.

She went on to list the events put on by the volunteer Parks and Recreation Commission, who "work their tails off."

She said Crosswinds Marsh is the largest and most-ambitious wetlands mitigation in the U.S. After 300 acres of wetlands were lost to Metro Airport expansion, they had

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to replace each acre with an acre and a half and they did it in Sumpter.

She said the land once was marsh, but was drained and put into farmland. It was transformed into a marsh again. In 1991 they started and in 1997 Crosswinds Marsh opened after spending over \$18 million to put it in place.

"It's well worth anybody's effort to visit Crosswinds Marsh," she said. "If you want to see nature's beauty, come to Crosswinds."

She named some of the things at the marsh including over 200 varieties of birds including peregrine falcons and bald

eagles, 70 varieties of butterflies, a wide variety of fish, hiking trails, 1 ½ mile of boardwalk out over the water, horse riding trails, canoe rentals, two fishing docks, and more.

"It is the jewel in our crown," Sherwood concluded.

She had given the first part of her presentation on the history of Sumpter through 1910 from a book written by Jean Hartwig Nugent, which now is on sale at the museum for \$15 each.

Then, Sherwood told of her experiences over the last 65 years that she has lived in Sumpter.

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VBT Board votes 5-1 to OK AutoZone pact that Wayne County requires

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After delaying the approval of a storm water system maintenance agreement with AutoZone for more than eight months, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the agreement on a 5-1 vote, with Trustee Jeff Jahr voting no.

The agreement now will be sent on to Wayne County, as required.

Trustee Jahr has spoken at several meetings about how he objects to Wayne County granting the permits and inspecting the storm water systems for new businesses and then requiring the township to agree to see that the system is maintained and repaired.

Patrick Sloan of McKenna Associates is handling important business in the township's planning and development office since former Director Jack Knowles resigned and the Deputy Director Darrell Fecho is out on an extended sick leave.

Sloan told the board that AutoZone has a Certificate of Occupancy and has been in operation since last August.

He said the township has received numerous requests from AutoZone since then to process their storm water agreement because Wayne County will not release AutoZone's \$30,000 cash bond until a signed agreement is received by them from the township.

To ensure that the property owner takes responsibility for long-term maintenance of the site's storm water drainage system, VBT historically required a Storm Water maintenance and Repair Agreement with the property owner, Sloan said.

He said additional agreements will be coming forward with other approved site plans for township businesses.

Board members raised questions at the work/study session the day before this meeting, which were answered by township attorney Patrick McCauley. Also, the supervisor's executive assistant Lianne Clair prepared a 10-page report on the history, showing that the township has been approving water system maintenance and repair agreements for nearly 30 years.

The AutoZone item was originally on the Oct. 21 board agenda. Clerk Leon Wright's motion to approve it got no second and so no action was taken. Jahr's concerns regarding the township's potential obligation to maintain and repair the storm water system encouraged the board to consider a law suit against the county with or without other municipalities joining in.

Wayne County is the only county in the state that has this requirement and the VBT attorney had advised that the county had no legal standing to do so.

It was stated that it is unclear if the county will punish AutoZone for the township's action.

Since then, attorney McCauley revised the agreement and resolution to provide more protections for VBT and the board reviewed and discussed the revised documents at its Nov. 17 work/study meeting and its Dec. 2 regular meeting.

At the June 16 meeting, Jahr did not comment on the action and just voted no.

In other business at the 25-minute June 16 meeting, the board:

- Approved the \$500,000 Pump Station Replacement Project at Harbour Pointe and the not-to-exceed \$38,700 contract with engineers Wade Trim for engineering services for the project. The project will be paid through the Sewer Capital Outlay Account. Another project was planned this year, but the money was transferred to this project. The current pump station has an elevator and the new one in a new location will not have an elevator;

- Approved the new rate schedule for Wade Trim engineers;

- Approved a revised Freedom of Information Policy to comply with new state law which goes into effect July 1;

- Approved a resolution to transfer \$20,000 in remaining 2013 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation funds by creating a new project, "Demolition." Sloan said they are contacting property owners who need to demolish buildings, but they expect the township to have to do two demolitions;

- Approved the first reading of an amendment to the township zoning ordinance to rezone a parcel from C-1 (General Business) to R-1B (Single Family Residential). The property is on the north side of Tyler Road across from Meijer. It was conditionally rezoned for a medical clinic in 2007, but the applicant did not proceed and so the zoning should have reverted to the original zoning. But, the resolution and notice of adoption in the newspaper had no conditions, so it stayed C-1;

- Approved appointing Loretta Speaks to the Water & Sewer Commission with a term to expire May 31, 2016 to fill the unexpired term of longtime member Robert Cook, who resigned because he is moving from the community. Supervisor Linda Combs

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VBT Board

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said Cook served longer than anyone on any commission. Speaks had served on the Water & Sewer Commission in the past and is a former township employee;

- Heard Supervisor Combs say that the township needs applicants for appointments to its commissions and committees; and
- Was advised the fireworks are scheduled for June 27 with a rain date of June 28.

Country Walk

Memo of Understanding

At the June 15 work/study session the VBT Board of Trustees discussed the proposed Country Walk Memorandum of Understanding, prepared after long negotiations. The item will be on the July 7 regular board meeting agenda for approval.

VBT Board holds closed-door session to discuss Visteon litigation

On June 18, the Van Buren Township Board Trustees held a special meeting so it could vote to go into closed-door session to discuss written information from the attorney on the Visteon litigation.

Last month VBT filed suit against Visteon in federal district court in Delaware seeking to get Visteon to help pay the township's bond payments for Visteon Village.

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July 3 – Karen Monte

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2014

City of Belleville Water Department

Consumer Confidence Report

The Belleville Water Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.

Overview

The City of Belleville is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests and contains much important information about water and health. Belleville Water Department will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water-quality standards. You will receive reports like this each and every year by July 1 regarding your water.

Water Source

The City of Belleville water is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The Detroit Water Department provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 Michigan Communities. The City of Belleville purchased just over 125,000,000 gallons of water in 2014.

The system uses water drawn from the Detroit River through a 12-foot diameter intake that is approximately 120-feet deep. The line slopes to a depth of 132-feet in approximately one mile where it connects at a vertical shore shaft, which causes raw water to rise and enter a land tunnel. The 12-foot diameter shore or land tunnel travels another 3 miles to the Southwest plant's low lift pumps.

The many miles of deep raw water tunnels are periodically inspected either by hard hat divers or with cameras for structural integrity and zebra mussel infestation.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact the City of Belleville Water Department or DWSD.

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80% is dealing with people.

Barbara Miller, an attorney and former school board member, asked the board what the procedure was with law suits and settlements. She said she was concerned with what the board sees and if Van Tassel is making all the decisions.

"Do you know of all law suits?" she asked and Board President Brent Mikulski said he thinks so. He said if one was filed that day, he might not know.

"Board policy is that we see all those lawsuits," Mikulski said, adding he did not know specifically what the board policy says. Miller asked for a copy of the board policies.

Miller asked if all the settlements came before the board to be voted on and Mikulski said some come before the board and some are decided by the insurance company.

Miller said the board has to agree and then the insurance company pays. The insurance company can't decide, she stressed.

"I'm not sure that I'm aware of lawsuits filed," Frazier said, adding, "There's no such thing as free." She explained the district pays for insurance coverage.

Mikulski said this could be brought up at the next work/study session since there is no information in front of the board now.

Zoltan, a Canton resident in the VBPS district, said he agreed with comments of Rytman and Miller. He asked if the district is doing exit interviews for these teachers and principals leaving the district.

Mikulski said the district does keep information on why they are leaving.

Frazier said there have been no recent exit interviews on those leaving the district. She said she has been asking for such information.

"We can't keep pushing it under the rug," Frazier said, adding although she goes to every meeting and reads all the information in the packet, she has seen no information on why these people are leaving.

Jane Champagne said her 7-year-old daughter is a student at Savage and she praised the education the girl was getting. She said people in a company do not leave because of the work. They leave because of the management. No families left because of Mrs. Villa, but they may leave because of the way she was treated.

She read a letter from parents in the Gifted and Talented program at Savage asking the board to fully examine why teachers are leaving. She endorsed the anonymous survey suggested.

She said with the increased testing, there is test anxiety for the teachers and the students and some students have been unable to eat or sleep for all their worry.

"The educational process needs to stay flexible," she said, referring to specific timetables for things in the school day.

Another mother asked about why Advanced Placement Spanish isn't available at BHS. It is the only language

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started in middle school and students can't continue it for AP class.

Stacy Buhro of BHS said students can study for the AP Spanish test and take the test, but they don't have a class.

The mother said her son is in the ninth grade and last fall there were 47 students in his Spanish class. Then the teacher left and there was a substitute. Then a teacher came and that teacher left in early June.

She said the district should improve the retention of teachers.

Human Resources Director Shonta Langford-Green said the district has a terrible time keeping Spanish teachers since they are in high demand. She said the two new teachers they hired for this fall should be good.

Andrea, who came from a family of teachers, said it is disingenuous to say the district deserves praise for not laying off teachers, when they are leaving. She said she started running information past officials in other districts and learned Van Buren's situation is not the norm.

"Last year at Owen a teacher left to be a Realtor," she said, adding that was a strange career path. "I really hope exit interviews are being done."

Mikulski said there is a lot of time to gather information between that meeting and the next work/study session to see if there is an issue. There is no work/study scheduled for July, so the next session would be in August.

Rytman said he would like back-up information when the report is given, not just that there's nothing wrong.

"It's minimizing what's going on," Trustee Frazier said of the proposed study. She said she asked her daughter-in-law, who is on a school board, and the daughter-in-law's father, who is also on a school board, if eight new teachers resigning in one fell swoop is normal, and it's not.

"We've got to stop minimizing staff morale," Frazier said. "It is crucial to have it acted on at our July meeting."

Miller suggested the board call a special meeting and Mikulski said that was possible.

"How many people do we have to lose?" Frazier asked. "She's a courageous lady who wanted to bring the focus to the point," she said referring to Villa.

Frazier asked that the subject of staff morale be on the July meeting, along with Rytman's proposal for a survey to show staff morale.

Frazier said, "If you love to come to your job, you'll do better at your job."

At the end of the meeting, Frazier asked anybody in the packed audience to raise their hand if she called them and asked them to come and complain. Nobody raised a hand.

Frazier said that should satisfy board member Toth who, she said, in the past accused Frazier of doing that.

In other business at Monday's meeting,

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How Do We Know Our Water Is Safe?

We obtain water from the City of Detroit whose treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The treatment process begins with the disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

The water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment and throughout the distribution system on a regular basis. The City of Belleville has several testing locations that are tested regularly by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. If any contaminants are detected at an unacceptable level, the City as well as the residents will be notified. All of the City of Belleville samples have tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July 2008 the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All UCMR2 contaminants monitored on the list 1 and list 2 in 2008 were undetected.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department provides the City of Belleville with water. Also, DWSD does not test the water for radon.

What Is Cryptosporidium?

Cryptosporidium is a disease causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface runoff containing animal wastes and sewage discharges.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in the surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once during a twelve month period at the Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children and the elderly are at the greater risk of developing life threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

Contaminants That May Be Found In Drinking Water

"Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Vulnerability Of Some Population To Contaminants

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline (800-426-4791).

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using your tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

Lead And Copper Testing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Belleville Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data

Your drinking water is continuously monitored above and beyond Federal and State Laws. Monitoring frequencies vary by parameter, so some of the test dates for the results are a few years old because it is the most recent information. In addition, monitoring must be performed by the individual community. The community-specific information is presented in a separate table. The following table shows all the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Your drinking water met all the State and EPA monitoring and reporting requirements for 2014. Not listed are the hundreds of other contaminants tested for, but not found in your water.

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the board:

- Learned a search outside the district to fill Principal Villa's position has been launched and there will be three rounds, starting July 7. The first round will include three to five each of administrators, principals, teachers, and PTO members, who will make recommendations. Then the next round will take the candidates down to three or so and the final round will be by central office. Trustee Frazier asked that board members be involved in the initial round and Board Vice President Toth said that's not in the procedure. Frazier pointed out there is not a procedure for hiring an administrator and in the previous history at VBPS there have been board members on such committees. President Mikulski said he will give it some thought and "if we decide to do that, I'll ask board members who is interested";

- Approved amendments to the financial budget for the 2014-15 school year;

- Approved the financial budgets for the 2015-16 school year. The general fund budget has \$51,692,418 to use, including most of a projected \$5,625,473 fund balance at the end of the year on June 30, 2016;

- Approved the 2015 tax rates, the same as last year: 6 mills for Homestead property, sinking fund 1.13 mills, and 2.98 mills for debt retirement. Non-homestead property pays 18 mills;

- Approved the resignations of Savage Principal Kelleen Villa, after 19 years of service as of June 30; James Benton, teacher at Belleville High School 2 years, is leaving education, as of June 30; and the layoff of Mark Gregor at McBride as of June 30;

- Approved hiring, as of Sept. 1, Anthony Teldadi as a BHS chemistry teacher; Eric Johnson as a BHS counselor; and Peter Fashho as a BHS counselor;

- Ratified an agreement with the Van Buren Education Association for the 2015-16 school year that has no increase in salary and a one-half Step increase. Board member Kevin English abstained from the vote because his fiancée is a teacher. Cost to the district for this economic reopening to the contract is \$283,000. Both sides agreed to establish a committee to investigate alternative compensations plans, including performance-based models. Committee members and tentative meeting dates need to be identified by June 30. Also, both sides agree to review the collective bargaining agreement and make agreed-to changes to department chairperson compensation and responsibilities no later than Sept. 1;

- Approved adding an African American literature course for Belleville High School to capture the interest of students as an option for 11th grade English. The course was listed on the 11th grade registration sheet and it was found there are three sections worth of student interest. The "rigorous" units are based on the Common

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School Board

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Core State Standards;

- Approved an Advanced Placement Calculus BC Course for BHS;

- Approved the purchase of a Toro Groundmaster 5910 batwing mower from Spartan Distributors in the amount of \$93,950.26. The district's batwing lawn mower was destroyed in the bus garage fire of November 2014 and insurance reimbursement for the replacement is 100%. The purchase price is a State of Michigan contract price;

- Approved purchase of a Ford F350 truck from Atchinson Ford in the amount of \$27,839.24 from the general budget. The district's service truck for the Transportation Department was destroyed in the November 2014 fire. The purchase price is a State of Michigan contract price; and

- Went into a brief closed-door session at the beginning of the meeting to discuss union negotiations before voting on the VBEA contract.

VB School Board hears report on recent student NWEA test results

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"I've got some really good news to share with you tonight," Curriculum Director Diane Kullis told the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at a work/study session on June 15 as she launched into a report on the results of the recent Northwest Educational Assessment tests.

The tests judge how many students have progressed a year in learning over the past school year. The students take the tests in the fall, winter, and spring. This year's spring results are especially high in the elementary classrooms.

Kullis said many classrooms had ratings in the 90s, meaning most students had progressed a full year in growth over almost a year of classes.

As an example, Rawsonville Elementary had kindergarteners jump from 68.5% in math in 2014 to 92.6% in 2015; first graders from 69.1% to 94.8%; second graders from 57.5% to 84.4%; third graders from 71.3% to 90.8% and fourth graders from 58.7% to 75.5%.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



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2013 Key to the Detected Contaminant Tables		
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.

Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2014 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	5/13/2014	ppm	4	4	0.56	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/2014	ppm	10	10	0.29	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2014	ppb	n/a	80	n/a	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	ppb	n/a	60	n/a	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2014	ppm	4	4	0.64	0.52-0.73	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

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2014 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.14 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2014 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment.
E. coli Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2014 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2014	ppb	0	15	0	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.0768	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54	no	Erosion of natural deposits

2014 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.41	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Compliance

This report was prepared by Mr. Keith Tackett, Director of Public Services for the City of Belleville using data supplied by the water provider. The City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the City of Belleville at 734-697-9323.

This report has been prepared and provided to the residents of the City of Belleville in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, as amended) 1998 PA 56. This act was passed to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and rules promulgated by the U.S. EPA dealing with this law. Most of the specific language within this report is required and as such cannot be altered.

Public Participation

Each and every month the Board of Water Commissioners meet at the Water Board building at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. There are also public hearings and meetings, which are open to the public. To confirm dates and times of the BOWC meetings residents are asked to contact Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's Public Affairs Division at 313-964-9570 or visit the DWSD website at www.dwsd.org.

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Test results

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The overall number for K-4th Grade math in all the schools showed jumps for kindergartners from 78.2% to 93.4%; first grade 83% to 92.9%; second grade 69% to 86.3%; third grade 72.9% to 83.2%; and fourth grade 73.9% to 86.1%.

The overall number for K-4th Grade Reading Growth was: kindergartners, from 68.9% to 93.1%; first graders 63.2% to 85%; second graders 61.6% to 80.1%; third graders 60.8% to 84.6%; and fourth graders from 70.1% to 83.8%.

Board members were delighted with the significant growth the tests showed.

Results were not as glowing for McBride Middle and Owen Intermediate students.

Owen fifth graders went from 58.2% in math in 2014 to 59.1% in 2015 and sixth graders went from 66.8% in math in 2014 to 76.5% in 2015.

McBride seventh grade math students went from 60.5% in 2014 to 66.5% in 2015. Eighth grade math students fell from 68.8% in 2014 to 66.5% in 2015.

In reading scores, Owen fifth graders went from 58.4% in 2014 to 61.5% in 2015 and sixth graders grew from 65.3% to 73.4%.

McBride reading scores for seventh graders dropped from 63.4% in 2014 to 57.3% in 2015. Eighth graders dropped from 60.2% in 2014 to 44.9% in 2015.

When the *Independent* asked how these tests are administered, Kullis said the classroom teachers test their students the same way for each of the tests in the fall, winter, and spring. Usually it's a small group rotation on five to six computers in the classroom or the students are taken to the media center. All the tests are electronic.

Barbara Miller asked from the audience about who monitors the monitors.

Owen Intermediate School Principal Jeff Moore, who is in training to take over as Curriculum Director for the 2016-17 school year, said the teachers are responsible and there's a proctoring handbook. Teachers are monitoring their own classrooms, he said.

The Belleville-Area Independent New Website is Now Online! Visit us @ bellevilleareaindependent.com Read The Newspaper On The Web!

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, June 25** – Music Lakeside begins its summer run at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Shades of Blue, with its do-wop sounds, will be playing for the public. Free.
- **Saturday, June 27** – Watch the fireworks at dusk at Beck Ball Fields in Van Buren Township. Rain date is Sunday, June 28.
- **Saturday, June 27** – Bring the whole family to Nature Fest from 1 to 4 p.m. at Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Preserve in Sumpter Township. No charge. No pre-registration required. Nature crafts, games, face painting, free canoeing, guided nature hikes. All kinds of creatures at the animal tent. Fishing contest for kids, scavenger hunt, nature photo contest, drawing/

painting contest. Prizes. Limited number of fishing poles available for use.

- **Thursday, July 2** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with the Rusty Wright Band (Blues) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.
- **Thursday, July 9** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with Monsieur Guillaume &

His Zydeco Hepcats (Zydeco) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.

- **Saturday, July 11** – 5K run/walk starts at 9 a.m. at Lower Huron Metropark to earn funds for Duo, an organization helping Special Olympics families. A Family Field Day starts at 11 a.m. Information: (734) 277-3547.

• **Saturday, July 11** – The Belleville Historical Society field trip to the Westland Historical Village starts by meeting at the Belleville museum at noon. Call 697-1944 for information.

“Reality leaves a lot to the imagination.”
– John Lennon



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City Comments

We hope you find this report useful. Copies of this report are available at the Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Look for future reports prior to July 1 of each year.

Water quality data for community systems throughout the United States is available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov>.

Publish: June 25, 2015



City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

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BY LISA LONG, CITY CLERK



City of Belleville Public Notice



Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 for the purpose of:

CONSIDERING A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE OF THE REQUIRED FRONT YARD SET BACK FOR ZONING DISTRICT SECTION 3.1.2 ON SECTION D.

Location: 523 Greylock St. TAX ID #31-087-04-0089-000

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Comments may be given in person at the hearing, or submitted in writing prior to the hearing. If you have any comments please call Belleville City Hall at 734 697-9323 ext. 7026.

Lisa Long, City Clerk

Publish: June 25, 2015



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Seeking Bids

Sumpter Township is accepting sealed bids for resealing & striping of the parking lots at 23480 Sumpter, 23483 Sumpter, 23501 Sumpter and 20550 Sumpter. Sealed bids must be separate for each location and be submitted to Clarence J. Hoffman Jr. by July 1, 2015 at 3:00 pm at Sumpter Township Clerk's Office 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-461-6201. Bid opening will be at 3:15 pm on July 1, 2015.

Publish June 18, & 25, 2015



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Seeking Bids

INVITATION TO BID SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SIDEWALK RAMP REPLACEMENT

The Township of Sumpter is accepting proposals for the
POLICE DEPARTMENT SIDEWALK RAMP REPLACEMENT
in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

The proposed project consists of the removal and replacement of an existing sidewalk ramp and installation of miscellaneous concrete sidewalk per ADA requirements at the main entrance to the Sumpter Township Police Department located at 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

Sealed bids will be received by:

Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

Until Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 1:30pm (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Until Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 2:00pm (local time)

Sumpter Township Clerk's Office
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

The Contract Documents may be examined at the offices of the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Township of Sumpter
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk

Publish June 25 and July 2, 2015



They're reading the Independent everywhere

Bob McGaffey of Sumpter Township reads his Independent in Alaska during his visit there May 23-June 5. He said they took off on a plane from Michigan where the temperature was 32 degrees and landed in Fairbanks where the temperature was 86 degrees. "I can't say enough about Alaska," Bob said. "It's like living on a different planet."

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 16, 2015

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Excused/Absent: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Development Services Consultant Sloan, DPS Director Taylor, Executive Assistant Clair and an audience of three (3).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda by amending the dollar figure represented in both the Public Hearing and New Business item #1 from \$82,035.67 to \$20,000.00. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of June 1, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2015; Prepaid List of May 29, 2015; Prepaid List of June 5, 2015; Prepaid list of June 11, 2015; Voucher List of June 16, 2015; Approval of Resolution 2015-23 the Wade Trim 2015 rate schedule and approval of Resolution 2015-22 the Van Buren Township Michigan Freedom of Information Policy]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. to receive public comment on Resolution 2015-16 to reprogram (transfer) \$20,000.00 in remaining 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Funds by creating a new project "Demolition". Motion Carried. Funds remain in the Township's 2013 CDBG Rehabilitation funds account that must be spent by January 2016 or will be recaptured by Wayne County. The Township has identified several buildings in the community that have either been condemned or are in the condemnation process. Funds would be utilized to demolish these structures. No Public comment was received. Jahr moved, Hart seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter from a resident of the Haggerty subdivision commending Ordinance Officer Schuler for his assistance regarding removal of a Motor Home and trailer that had been parked in such a manner that they created a safety hazard.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: McClanahan moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2015-24 the AutoZone Storm Water System Maintenance and Repair Agreement with the property owner and notifying Wayne County of this action. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Hart, McClanahan and Miller. Nays: Jahr. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve Resolution 2015-16 to reprogram (transfer) \$20,000.00 in remaining 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Funds by creating a new project Demolition. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 06-16-2015 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning parcel V125-83-039-99-0009-014 from C-1 (General Business) to R-1B (Single Family Residential). Motion Carried. The property is located on Tyler Rd., east of Belleville Rd. The previous conditional rezoning approval was to accommodate medical offices however did not

contain a reversion clause as was intended. No development of the property has occurred. This rezoning addresses the reversion.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the Pump Station Replacement Project Services contract with Wade Trim, in the amount not to exceed \$38,700.00, to provide engineering services identified in the "Scope of Services". Motion Carried. The current pump station, located at Harbor Club, is the oldest and deepest station in the Township. The current station is experiencing increasing equipment failures and costs associated with the elevator. The full project will encompass relocation and replacement of the current station to improve functionality and accessibility.

Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the appointment of Loretta Speaks to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire May 31, 2016. Board members acknowledged the resignation of Robert Cook and thanked him for his many years of service on commission. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The April 2015 Budgetary Report was received and filed. The report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced the Recreation Department will host "Take it to the Streets" on Friday June 19, 2015 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park and Athletic Innovations Basketball Training, \$50.00 per player, Wednesdays and Fridays, July 1-July 24, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for grades 6-8, for more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921; The 2015 Fireworks will be held at dusk on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Beck Ball Fields (rain date June 28, 2015). Music by Rich Eddy's Rocking' Oldies Band. Parking is available at the Beck Ball Fields and at Township Hall; The Belleville National Strawberry Festival will be held June 19, 20, and 21, 2015 and the Township Administrative Offices will be closed July 3, 2015 in observance of Independence Day.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Published: June 25, 2015

Sumpter Township Planning Commission survey is ready

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission is in the process of updating its land-use Master Plan and wants to know what Sumpter residents want for their township's future.

An opinion survey has been prepared by planning consultant Laura Kreps, with the help of the commission, and is ready for Sumpter residents, property owners, and business people to take.

It is available on the township website (www.sumptertwp.com) to be taken online. Surveys on paper are available at the clerk's office at township hall. The survey will be available until Sept. 1.

"Are you interested in the future of our township?" said Planning Commission Chairperson Jane Stalmack. "If so, we need your help."

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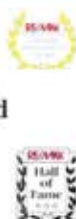
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